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| <b>AMENDMENT UNDER<br/>37 C.F.R. §1.111</b><br><br>Address to:<br>Assistant Commissioner for Patents<br>Washington, D.C. 20231 | Attorney Docket      | NUFO021CON   |
|  | Confirmation No.     | 7513   |
|  | First Named Inventor | Green et al.                                       |
|  | Application Number   | 10/087,728   |
|  | Filing Date          | February 28, 2002                                  |
|  | Group Art Unit       | 2828   |
|  | Examiner Name        | Jackson, Cornelius H.                              |
|  | Title                | Method and Apparatus For Filtering an Optical Beam |

Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated September 3, 2002 for which a three-month period for response was given making this response due on or before December 3, 2002. In view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested. A clean copy of the amended claims appears below with the amended version attached on a document marked "VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE."

**AMENDMENTS****IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the first paragraph beginning on page 1, line 4, with the following rewritten paragraph:

(Amended) The application is continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/626,526 filed July 27, 2000, pending, which claims benefit of U.S. Provisional Application 60/145,831 filed on July 27, 1999, all of which are hereby incorporated by reference thereto, in their entireties, and to which this application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. Section 120.